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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing below of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A support bracket for positioning within a rain gutter that includes an overlying gutter cover panel, said bracket comprising:

a) a substantially L-shaped body including a first leg adapted to be oriented substantially vertically when the bracket is installed in a gutter, and a second leg adapted to be oriented substantially horizontally when the bracket is installed in a gutter, the first leg including a mounting surface adapted to contact a rear wall of a gutter and a front surface spaced from the mounting surface and connected therewith by a central panel that extends between the mounting surface and the front surface;

b) at least one first bore extending through the first leg toward the mounting surface and generally aligned with the second leg for receiving a bracket fastener for securing the bracket to a substantially vertical building surface adjacent to a roof edge;

c) at least one second bore extending into the second leg for receiving a cover panel fastener for securing a front edge of the gutter cover panel to the bracket;

d) engagement means carried by the second leg for engaging and supporting a front wall portion of a gutter; and

e) upwardly-facing, flat support surface means carried by the first leg for engaging a rear surface portion of the gutter cover panel.

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Claim 2 (currently amended): A bracket in accordance with claim 1, wherein the first leg includes at least two first bores spaced from each other along the first leg.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A support bracket ~~in accordance with claim 4,~~ for positioning within a rain gutter that includes an overlying gutter cover, said bracket comprising:

a) a substantially L-shaped body including a first leg adapted to be oriented substantially vertically when the bracket is installed in a gutter, and a second leg adapted to be oriented substantially horizontally when the bracket is installed in a gutter, the first leg including a mounting surface adapted to contact a rear wall of a gutter;

b) at least one first bore extending through the first leg toward the mounting surface and generally aligned with the second leg for receiving a bracket fastener for securing the bracket to a substantially vertical building surface adjacent to a roof edge;

c) at least one second bore extending into the second leg for receiving a cover fastener for securing a front edge of the gutter cover to the bracket, wherein the second bore is a blind bore;

d) engagement means carried by the second leg for engaging and supporting a front wall portion of a gutter; and

e) support means carried by the first leg for engaging a rear portion of the gutter cover.

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